

How to setup a remote control of a radio across the mesh

Items needed:

- Radio (Yaesu FT-897D used in this example)
- Phone Patch (Kenwood PC-1A used here)
- Mesh Node
- ATA VoIP Adapter (Grandstream HT286 used here)
- NTE6408 DIAC (could use NTE6409, 6411 or 6412, depending on the on-hook voltage presented)
- Short chunk of telephone cable with RJ-11
- Short section of small coax with 1/8" mono plug
- Cabling to connect phone patch to radio (setup specific)
- VoIP system (I used the Asterisk server already installed on K5KTF-USB with an extension setup for this use).

Details of my system, which may vary from your own setup:

I used 2 mesh nodes, K5KTF-USB which is a USB modified node, so I can connect a USB-to-serial adapter cable (PL2303 compatible) that already had the drivers and modules loaded to use the usb-serial cable. I used a separate node, K5KTF-FT-897D, for the VoIP connection. I may at some point move the serial connection over to FT-897D, once I get a spare serial port level shifter to have the CAT cable and the VoIP all one node.

Also, I already have a VoIP system, Asterisk and Chameleon voice mail, already installed on K5KTF-USB, using callsigns as extensions (K5KTF=5583, NG5V=6458, CTECC=28322, etc), so a directory is not needed. Know the callsign/tactical, know their extension.

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First we connect all the hardware:

Whatever phone patch equipment you get will determine how it is connected. In this example. I acquired a KWD PC-1A at the most recent Belton swapfest for \$10. I saw 3 or 4 of these floating around up there for about the same price, so they are probably not hard to come by.

I wired my Turner Plus Three into the patch box, using just the 4 conductors (Mic/GND, PTT/GND), and tied the patch box to the radio's mic and external speaker jacks.



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Drop the phone into the router's DMZ, and assign the ATA MAC address to the

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Node Name

K5KTF-FT897D

Password

Node Type

Mesh Node

Verify Password

WiFi

Protocol

Static

IP Address

10.12.228.20

Netmask

255.0.0.0

SSID

HSM-MESH

Mode

Ad-Hoc

Channel

1

Active Settings

Rx Antenna

Diversity

Tx Antenna

Diversity

Tx Power

19 dBm

Distance

0

Apply

LAN

LAN Mode

1 hostDMZ

IP Address

10.51.144.81

Netmask

255.255.255.252

DHCP Server

☒

DHCP Start

82

DHCP End

82

WAN

Protocol

DHCP

DNS 1

8.8.8.8

DNS 2

8.8.4.4

Mesh Gateway

☐

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DHCP Address Reservations

Hostname	IP Address	MAC Address	
FT897D	10.51.144.82	00:0b:82:08:73:86	Del
	- IP Address -		Add

Advertised Services

Name	Link	URL	
xK5KTF8	<input type="checkbox"/>	::FT897D	Del
	<input type="checkbox"/>	::FT897D	Add

Current DHCP Leases

there are no active leases

Port Forwarding

Interface	Type	Outside Port	LAN IP	LAN Port	
WAN	TCP		- IP Address -		Add

No will be the same as the other type of extension, but it is based on callsign, so for this

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~~Make sure you have the correct IP address for the VOB board for the hardware interface~~

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Firmware Update

current version: 0.4.3

Upload Firmware

Browse...

Upload

Download Firmware

- Select Firmware -

Refresh

Download

Package Management

Upload Package

Browse...

Upload

Download Package

- Select Package -

Refresh

Download

Remove Package

- Select Package -

Remove

openssh-sftp-client 4.5p1-1
openssh-sftp-server 4.5p1-1
ppp 2.4.3-8
ppp-mod-pppoe 2.4.3-8
rdisc6 0.5.1-1
samba-common 2.0.10-4
samba-server 2.0.10-4
ser2net 2.3-1
setserial 2.17-1
swap-utils 2.12r-2
tcptraceroute6 0.5.1-1
uclibc 0.9.28-10

Upload

Remove

Edit the config file. You only need one line for this to work

```
root@K5KTF-USB:/#  
root@K5KTF-USB:/# cat /etc/ser2net.conf  
5001:raw:600:/dev/usb/tts/1:4800  
  
root@K5KTF-USB:/#
```

```
root@K5KTF-USB:/# cat /etc/init.d/serial-897  
#!/bin/sh /etc/rc.common  
# Copyright (C) 2006 OpenWrt.org  
START=51
```

```
start() {  
    stty -F /dev/usb/tts/1 4800  
}
```

```
stop() {
```

to be able to add a line to firewall to allow the ser2net to talk. Just set internal and external ports

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Administration

Refresh

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Either in the Perle manager software or in Device Manager, open the settings for the TruePort

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Perle TruePort Adapter (10.159.26.149) Settings

Number of ports: 1

 **Perle TruePort Adapter (10.159.26.149)**
 COM2 (Connect: 5001)

Properties

TruePort Adapter Properties

Adapter Name:


Device Server Network Location


☒ IP Address:


☐ Host Name:

Global Advanced Options

☒ Check for duplicate TCP port numbers

 **Add Ports**

 **Remove Ports**

 **Copy Settings To...**

Restore Defaults

Select either the 10.x.x.x IP or the node name under Host Name., then click on the COMx Port on

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COM2 (Connect: 5001)

Connection | **Advanced** | SSL/TLS | Packet Forwarding

Connection Settings (COM2)

☒ Access Device Server Serial Port

Connection Mode: Lite Mode

☐ Accept connection from device server

Listen on TCP Port: 10000

☒ Initiate connection to device server

Connect to TCP Port: 5001

Client-Initiated Connection Settings...

☐ Access Device Server I/O channels

Connect to TCP Port: 33816

I/O Application Type: I/O Access

Client-Initiated Connection Settings...

Connection Profile

Current Profile: Minimize Latency

Change Profile...

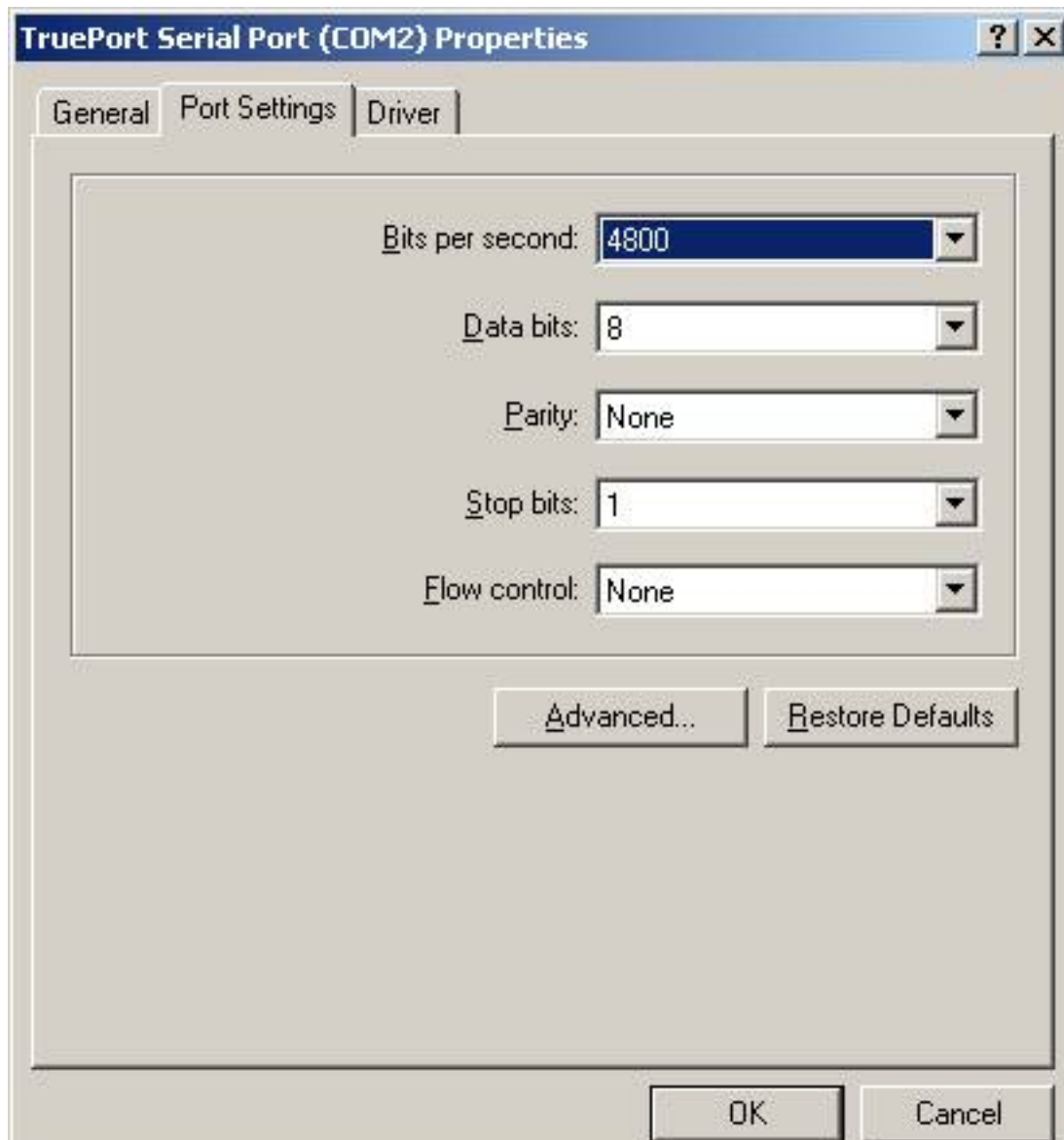
+ Add Ports X Remove Ports Copy Settings To... Restore Defaults

OK Cancel Apply

For this device to change, open the Advanced tab, click the Port Settings, 5001 (as appropriate port for this device), change, click OK, then click Apply and click OK to complete the settings.

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My old rig had a 4800 baud rate, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, and no flow control. I set the new rig to the same settings and it worked perfectly. I was able to control the rig from my PC and it was a great experience. I was able to control the rig from my PC and it was a great experience.

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Replying to all the steps and if I can't find a solution, email me and I will be glad to fix it